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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Taka-Aki Sato
U.S. Serial No.: CPA of 09/327,750 Examiner: J.A. Goldberg
Filing Date : June 7, 1999 Group Art Unit: 1634
For : GENE ENCODING NADE, P75^{NTR}-ASSOCIATED CELL
DEATH EXECUTOR AND USES THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the above-identified Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) which is being filed herewith. In parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/327,750, a March 27, 2002 Office Action was issued, a response to which was originally due on June 27, 2002. Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time in which to file a response, making a response due on September 27, 2002. Accordingly, the parent application is pending today, and the subject CPA and Preliminary Amendment are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing in the subject application